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SUBJ: SOLAR OBSERVATORY NETWORK

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1. ON OCT 8 EMBOFF PRESENTED THE ANSWERS CONTAINED IN THE REFTEL IN THE FORM OF AN AIDE MEMOIRE TO OFFICIALS OF DFA'S DEFENSE DIVISION. DFA OFFICIALS EXPRESSED APPRECIATION FOR THE DETAILED ANSWERS AND PROMISED TO DISCUSS THEM WITH OTHER INTERESTED GOA AUTHORITIES AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

2. IN THE COURSE OF THE MEETING DFA OFFICIALS AGAIN MADE IT CLEAR THAT GOA WAS LEERY ABOUT ESTABLISHING ANY NEW FACILITIES AT NORTHWEST CAPE AND HOPED THAT THE FACILITY COULD BE LOCATED ELSEWHERE IN WESTERN AUSTRALIA. IT ALSO APPEARS THAT THE OFFICIAL GOA SCIENTIFIC COMMUNITY IS NOT CONVINCED THAT THE FACILITY WILL PROVIDE ANY APPRECIABLE SCIENTIFIC BENEFITS TO AUSTRALIA. THIS BEING THE CASE AUSTRALIAN APPROVAL OF THE PROJECT WILL BE BASED ON QUOTE POLITICO-MILITARY CONSIDERATIONS END QUOTE. DFA OFFICIALS NOTED THAT THE ESTABLISHMENT OF SIMILAR STATIONS IN IRAN, GREECE, AND THE PHILIPPINES WOULD MAKE IT EASIER FOR AUSTRALIA TO ACCEPT ONE ALTHOUGH THE
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GOA WILL PROBABLY INSIST THAT THE AUSTRALIAN GOVERNMENT

MANAGE THE STATION.

3. DFA OFFICIALS BELIEVE THAT THE QUICKEST WAY TO
PROCEED WOULD BE TO SECURE THE PRIME MINISTER'S
APPROVAL TO PROCEED WITH THE PROJECT PRIOR TO ARRANGING
FOR A TECHNICAL SITE SURVEY AND ON-SITE TECHNICAL
DISCUSSIONS.

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